

the Kingston Fire Department's first medical system coordinator.

Chief Nord's commitment to protecting both the public and his fellow emergency responders did not go unnoticed. In 2004, after 26 years with the Kingston Fire Department, Chief Nord was named fire chief of the Duxbury Fire Department. During Chief Nord's 18 years with the Duxbury Fire Department, Nord worked to increase diversity within the department by hiring more women, supervised the growth of the department with a new firefighters' quarter being added to the Central Fire Station, and served as the director of Duxbury's Emergency Management Agency, leading the town's response during blizzards, hurricanes, and power outages. Recognizing the advantages and importance of his medical training, Chief Nord advocated for his firefighters to become paramedics, hired more EMTs to the department, and had the Duxbury Fire Department incorporate advanced life support protocols.

Chief Nord has served as a leader not only to those in the Kingston and Duxbury Fire Departments, but also to firefighters across the Commonwealth. Throughout his career, Chief Nord chaired the Massachusetts Technical Rescue Coordinating Council and the Southeastern Massachusetts Technical Rescue Team, initiated the Regional Old Colony Communications Center, which handles 911 calls and dispatches emergency services to Duxbury and several other surrounding towns, and established the Plymouth County Critical Incident Stress Management Team—a group that assists first responders address job related stress and trauma. As a founding member of the Plymouth County Critical Incident Stress Management Team, Chief Nord and his team provided support to first responders at the World Trade Center following the attacks on September 11, 2001.

Chief Nord has devoted his career to helping and protecting all throughout the South Shore. After 44 years of service, Chief Nord will officially retire on July 15th, and plans to travel across the Trans America Trail on his motorcycle.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Chief Kevin Nord. I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing his career and commitment to serving his community.

HONORING STEVE ORNDORF

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 12, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Steve Orndorf for his outstanding contributions to our community.

During his 39 years living in Napa County, Mr. Orndorf was an active member of our community. He served terms as the President of the School Board, Rotary, Wildlife Conservation Commission, and the Boys & Girls Club. Mr. Orndorf loved to volunteer and frequently helped with the Napa River Steelhead Monitoring Program. He also served on the Board of the Napa Valley Bank.

Mr. Orndorf was passionate about mentoring veterans who suffered from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). He worked with

veterans from the Pathway Home in Yountville, and the Post Deployment Assessment Treatment Program in the Martinez Veterans Affairs Center. His infectious spirit made him easy to get along with, and he continued relationships with many of the veterans even after they graduated from the program.

Mr. Orndorf lived a life of love and adventure. He will be remembered as a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend. Mr. Orndorf had many passions, including fishing, mushroom hunting, bird watching, watching the weather, rock and beer can collecting, being in the outdoors, watching the Oakland A's and the San Francisco 49ers, writing, and mentoring. His most treasured hobbies were fishing in the jungles of South America and helping others however he could.

Mr. Orndorf sadly passed away on July 14, 2020, and he will be greatly missed by our community. Madam Speaker, it is evident that Steve Orndorf has left a monumental impact on our Napa County community. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him and his legacy here today.

HONORING THE GRAND REOPENING OF THE MORRIS LAWRENCE BUILDING

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 12, 2022

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the grand reopening of the Morris Lawrence Building on the campus of Washtenaw Community College in Ann Arbor, Michigan. This special occasion and Washtenaw Community College's nearly 60 years of educating and enriching our community is worthy of commendation.

This building is named after Dr. Morris J. Lawrence, an influential musician, and former Washtenaw Community College jazz orchestra instructor. Dr. Lawrence made a tremendous impact on his students and our community with his teaching and his music, and this building was dedicated to him shortly after his passing in 1993. A native of New Orleans, Louisiana and a gifted musician, Dr. Lawrence started composing music in high school. He studied instrumental music at Xavier University of Louisiana, and after graduation moved to Ann Arbor to teach band at St. Thomas High School. He later became the director of music at the school and began teaching at Washtenaw Community College—all while working on his doctorate at the University of Michigan. A legendary teacher who touched the lives of so many, he wrote forty band compositions, sixty-four dance orchestra pieces, and four string quartets before the age of 30.

The reopening of the Morris Lawrence building follows an eight-month closure for renovation and upgrades. The building includes a 495-seat auditorium and is a hub for the creative arts student community. The remodeled Morris Lawrence Building and its new technological advancements will allow Washtenaw Community College to provide many years of quality education to present and future students. A new eco-friendly energy system, fast high-speed internet, and other welcoming amenities are among the new features that will enrich the student experience and reinforce a

positive learning environment. Founded in 1965, Washtenaw Community College enrolls nearly twenty thousand students annually and offers over one hundred degree or certificate programs in numerous subject fields. The college has partnerships with local and national businesses as well as the University of Michigan and Eastern Michigan University to help their students follow any path they choose.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Washtenaw Community College on this special day as the ribbon is cut at the entrance of the renovated Morris Lawrence Building. We are grateful to President Rose Bellanca and the Board of Trustees for their commitment to making Washtenaw Community College a fantastic place to learn and grow for Washtenaw County students of all ages. This new and improved creative arts facility will be an asset to the college and to the greater Washtenaw community for years to come.

HONORING CARMEN BROCKS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 12, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Fire Chief Carmen Brocks from Flora, Mississippi.

A 1986 graduate of Provine High School, she furthered her education at Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on a basketball scholarship and graduated in 1990. Throughout her young adult life, Ms. Brocks was very active in sports and was known as a kind, caring, friendly and compassionate individual. Not long after college, she decided to attend the Jackson Fire Academy to become a firefighter with much encouragement from her family. She also completed the course work with a B.S. Degree in Fire Administration at Columbia Southern University.

In November 1993, Ms. Brocks began her career as a Firefighter I at the Jackson Fire Department and graduated as a Firefighter II in 1994.

After 9 months, Ms. Brocks started climbing the ladder with the fire services, when she completed the requirements and successfully passed the exam to become a Relief Driver Operator. In 1998, she was promoted as the 1st female in the emergency services division to become Lieutenant under the leadership and supervision of, then, Captain Willie Owens. Ms. Brocks still kept striving in her professional career as the first female in the emergency services division to become Captain. In 2010, she became the first female District Chief, which she held for 8 years. In March of 2018, District Chief Brocks was appointed to Division Fire Chief of the Emergency Service Division under the leadership of Fire Chief Willie Owens.

Chief Brocks has blazed the trail for any African-American female who may want to follow in her appointment as Division Fire Chief. That also goes for any female who may want to follow in her footsteps. Chief Brocks truly believes, "to achieve anything, it requires faith, belief in yourself, vision, hard work, determination and dedication."

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Fire Chief Carmen Brocks for her dedication to serving.